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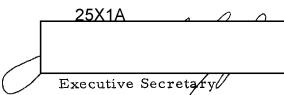
: Requirement for High Resolution Photographic Coverage of South China and North Vietnam

REFERENCES

- : a. USIB-D-41.14/223 (COMOR-D-25/144) 5 March 1965, Limited Distribution
 - b. USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201)
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- 1. The attached memorandum on the subject from the Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, is circulated for consideration by the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) of the actions requested in paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof.
- 2. The Attachment is being scheduled on the agenda of the USIB meeting on 3 March 1966.



Attachment

NRO and DIA review(s) completed.

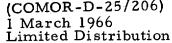
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Chairman, United States Intelligence Board TO:

References: a. USIB-D-41.14/223 (COMOR-D-25/144 dated 5 Mar 65, Subject: Increased Frequency of Coverage of South China

- USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201 dated 19 Jan 66, Subject: Long Range Program for Overhead Image Forming Sensor Reconnaissance in the Far East
- COMOR-D-56/66-19 dated 16 Feb 66, Subject: COMOR Priorities for J-Missions
- 1. At a recent meeting, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have expressed their concern over the lack of an adequate photo intelligence data base for use in detecting CHICOM strategic military build up in South China and direct involvement in the North Vietnam war. They have directed that every available means be exploited as a matter of highest priority to obtain high resolution coverage of the ground force installations, major complexes, and key lines of communications in the South China and North Vietnam areas.
- 2. By reference a, the USIB has agreed that a systematic effort be made to the fullest extent that weather will permit to obtain immediate coverage with a U-2 and the Blue Spring vehicles of major indication targets located in South China and subsequently for the time being to obtain weekly coverage of a representative one quarter of these targets. USIB in noting the latest COMOR statement of long range requirements in the Far East, reference b, has reiterated the requirement for monthly coverage of all targets in South China and 25% of priority targets to be sampled per week and near daily coverage of North Vietnam and Laos. Further, due to the dirth of high resolution coverage of these areas, the same area has been placed over the USSR in priority for search coverage by KH-4 missions. Although this type of coverage is not addequate from a resolution standpoint, photography of this quality when used in conjunction with all other sources may provide some evidence of Chicom 25X1 build-up.

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